

News Release

Retirement reception for Russ Severson, Extension educator, Tues., December 20, 2011, at the U of M, Crookston; Reception from 3-5 p.m. in Bede Ballroom and concludes the Soybean College

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Russ Severson, Extension educator in crops, will be retiring on December 29, after 38 years with the University of Minnesota. A retirement reception, celebrating Severson's career will take place on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, from 3 - 5 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.

Severson began his career in 1973 as a Research Scientist at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center in Crookston, Minn. In 1986, he joined University of Minnesota Extension where he served as a county educator in Polk County, eventually serving both Polk and Red Lake counties. Since 2008, Severson has served as Extension educator for crops programs in the Extension Regional Office in Crookston.

Over the past 38 years, Severson has planned and participated in numerous educational programs and coordinated and conducted applied research in crops vital to the economic and environmental sustainability of the people in Northwest Minnesota. He has been active in the West Polk County Crop Improvement Association and Soil and Water Conservation District and the Minnesota & National Association of County Ag Agents. He was the recipient of several awards including: USDA Award for Superior Service from the Farm Credit Mediation Program; NACAA Achievement Award and the Distinguished Service Award; West Polk County SWCD Friend in Conservation Award and Minnesota Crop Improvement Association Honorary Premier Seedsman.

The Severson retirement reception is taking place at the conclusion of the Soybean College Workshop held the same day at the U of M, Crookston. For more information on the Soybean College, visit www.extension.umn.edu. The brochure and registration form can be downloaded.

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